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PATENT

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Applicant: Mark Hoffman et al.

Examiner: Deborah D. Carr

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EXPRESS ABANDONMENT

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This responds to the Office Action mailed on October 11, 2005.

Applicants hereby expressly abandon the above-identified application in favor of continuation-in-part application, Serial No. 10/696,730, filed October 29, 2003. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6913 if there are any questions regarding this matter.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a one-month extension of the period for responding to the Office Action, thereby moving the deadline for response from January 11, 2006 to February 11, 2006.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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